I urge your support of SBC Pacific Bell's application for long distance. On behalf of the Communications Workers of America, Local 9408, I am concerned about the working men and women in California. By allowing SBC Pacific Bell into the long distance market, competing telecom companies will be forced to offer lower rates, "package deals," better service, and overall improved value to businesses and consumers. This would also put SBC Pacific Bell on an equal competitive footing with other companies who can now offer full bundles of service to customers. I believe this new business opportunity would give more job security to our labor empoyees in the telecom industry -- something we can all appreciate in today's tough economic climate. Thank you for your support. Sincerely,

Nadine Cox, President CWA Local 9408